



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
October 14, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Walters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman		

Others:

Jim Cimarossa

Craig Sim

Shannon Brady – CMT

Ed Cramer – CMT

John Drake - CMT

Richard Treat – Chatham Township Supervisor

Jim Donelan – Alderman of Ward 9

Molly Berns – SSCRPC

Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that all commissioners were in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 9, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Josh Collins moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Robert Plunk seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walters asked for introductions to acquaint everyone. Chair Walters thanked everyone for coming.

V. GUEST – MR. JIM CIMAROSSA LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION

Chair Walters asked Hon. Karen Hasara to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Jim Cimarossa. Hon. Hasara reported on the meeting with Mayor Langfelder. The Mayor does not agree with bringing in a consultant for the study. Both the City and County have recently gone through the election process, so for now the plan is to take very small steps and to seek positive sources to engage the promotion of the study.



Hon. Hasara and Mr. Cimarossa believe the CEC should focus on following up on three of the recommendation from the final report which are as follows: 1) Expand technological improvements to eliminate dated, hand-written records processes and duplication of labor, 2) Create a shared regional task force for highly specialized functions including training, crime scene investigation, major cases, tactical forces, and similar activities, and 3) Create shared divisions for regional administrative support, records, and evidence, potentially adding other support functions. Hon. Hasara suggested the CEC track and document the sharing of administrative support that is currently happening.

Hon. Hasara stated Mr. Cimarossa was the Assistant Police Chief when she was mayor, since then he has taught Law Enforcement at MacMurray College, worked for the Illinois Supreme Court recently was promoted Chief Marshal of the Illinois Supreme Courts.

Mr. Cimarossa stated he has been in law enforcement for thirty-nine years. He said he appreciated being a member of the initial Citizen Efficient Committee and speaking on the law enforcement and functions. He noted the informative meetings held with area chiefs of police along with Mike Murphy, Jeff Fulgenzi, and Amy Uden. Sitting down with chiefs in the surrounding areas, meeting with the general public, and gathering different opinions in the process of gathering information and data used in the Law Enforcement recommendation was very beneficial to the taskforce.

Mr. Cimarossa spoke of the obstacles dealing with law enforcement because it is extremely territorial. Regional Law Enforcement involves the sheriff who is elected, and a city police chief that is appointed; and many local chiefs of smaller units of government. The dynamics of a sheriff's constituency is the election by the people and the police chief's constituency is the mayor throughout the State of Illinois. Also Illinois is a huge union state and unions play a major role in issues related to how officers perform their duties. The sheriff is the Chief Primary Officer of Sangamon County, so if a local municipality chooses not to have a Chief, the Sheriff is responsible by law.

The local Springfield Police Department is probably the third largest in the state of Illinois. The local municipalities tend to joke that just because Springfield is a large department and has access to resources and manpower doesn't mean they should follow along with the things Springfield is doing.

In 1974, under either Sheriff Hugh Campbell or Sheriff Martin Gutschenritter, when Mr. Cimarossa joined the police force there was discussion among the department itself of going to a consolidated or a metro police department. This is nothing new! It comes down to a self-preservation aspect - salaries are different, pension would be at risk. Unfortunately turf battles are a primary reason we don't see progress in regional Law enforcement service provision discussions.



Mr. Cimarossa explained response comes into play. The problem with the closest car taking a report for the incident has to do with jurisdiction, liability issues. 66% of county calls are right around Springfield; County has to come a distance to respond to the call.

And on the flip side, take towns like Sherman, Auburn, and Rochester they don't want the Sheriff to be there. They like keeping the structure of police protection within their communities and controlling how many officer they hire. The smaller departments tend to practice true Community Policing which is getting every element, every resource in a particular neighborhood to work together with the police department. The force has ample enough officers to do vacation checks, whereas Springfield has a high level of service calls.

The CEC has noted some villages have intergovernmental agreements with other small villages to have an officer to report to a call. (Thayer and Virden) (Buffalo and Mechanicsburg) More and more villages are realizing do not have funds to cover their needs and they don't want the future liabilities of the expense of pensions.

Back in the 70's, there were discussions of a consolidation of the City of Springfield Police Department and the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office And Discussion for consolidations of the major cases. Each of department had their own records division but information was traded.

City of Springfield Crime protection bureau and Sangamon County Crime had a combined trailer but they were both their own entity. This is an example of the departments working together.

Springfield Police Academy is a joint academy for all law enforcement in Sangamon County. While discussion barriers and opportunities, Mr. Cimmarosa noted one point of interest continues to be residency requirements for SPD.

VI. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

Chair Walters asked the commissioners to report on each of their work plans.

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner

– Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk reported the Regional Leadership Council will be meeting on Wednesday, October, 28, 2015 at 5:30 in the County Board Chambers. Mr. Plunk reported on his discussion with Brian Cuffle concerning the Federal grant for the new signs which meet new reflectivity standards. Mr. Plunk stated the Sangamon County Clerk's Office did not know how the Officials for Clearlake Village were appointed, but he did receive a list of the appointed Officials.

B. Sewer Transfer Study - Chair Walters & Mike Murphy

Chair Walters reported on her meeting in August, with Mayor Jim Langfelder to discuss the sewer study. The Mayor agreed to have Mark Mahoney, Director of Public Works work with



Gregg S. Humphrey, Director/ Engineer for Springfield Metro Sanitary District and develop a request for proposal, using their guidelines for the selection process.

C. Regional Policing Study – Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

See above - V. GUEST – MR. JIM CIMAROSSA LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Karen Hasara reported that the CEC has been chosen to receive an award from Illinois Chamber of Commerce (Transform Illinois Coalition). An award ceremony will be held Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in Chicago, Illinois at UIC. “The Efficiency Advantage,” a forum highlighting ways that local government leaders have adapted successfully to new financial realities by implementing reforms.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Mike Murphy

Mr. Dick Treat from the Township Association asked what the CEC wanted him to discuss at the November CEC meeting, he suggested given an update on the township collectors and budget.

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Wesley reported on a letter drafted to be sent to Andy Van Meter, Chairman of the County Board which recommends County Board appointed fire trustees complete a training course offered by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. It was noted that this training requirement has been recommended by leaders of the Sangamon County Fire Chief’s Association. Mr. Wesley shared his intent to include the approval of Brian Cuffle, Chair of Regional Leadership Council, and the approval of Tom Yokley, chair of the Fire/EMS subcommittee of the RLC which includes members of the chiefs association. Mr. Wesley made a motion that the members of the CEC agree upon the intent of the letter and support the signing by CEC, Chair Walters. Mr. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion. The vote to approve endorsement of the letter was unanimous.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

Mr. Josh Collins announced that the Fall Economic Outlook Survey from UIS Survey Research Office will be completed November 2, 2015. Mr. Collins also reported that Dr. Ashley Kirzinger, Director at University of Illinois, Springfield Survey Research Office part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership has announced her resignation from UIS.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS



Chair Walters discussed the upcoming meetings and passed a handout for the January meeting. Chair Walters announced that she will be moving to Seattle, Washington.

VIII. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Staff Report

No report was given.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walters asked if there were any further comments. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Murphy motioned to adjourn. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary